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10/537,476	06/03/2005	Joseph L. Duffy	21288YP	3346

TITLE OF INVENTION: PHENYLALANINE DERIVATIVES AS DIPEPTIDYL PEPTIDASE INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OR PREVENTION OF DIABETES

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